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### IN RECOGNITION OF THE NAAMANS LITTLE LEAGUE

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Biden and myself, I congratulate Coaches Joe Mascelli, Bob Waters and H.J. Lopes, and the Naamans Little League team. Their accomplishment of becoming the first Delaware team to reach the Little League World Series demonstrates the success that comes from hard work, perseverance, dedicated coaching, and the support of parents and fans.

The Little League World Series, held during the month of August in Williamsport, PA, ended a dramatic, record-breaking season for the Naamans Little League team. The Delaware State champions and Mid-Atlantic regional champions final overall record through district, state, regional, and world series play was 14-3. They finished their world series experience at 1-2, with a win over Iowa and losses to Arizona and Texas.

This year, the Mid-Atlantic Regional championship team consisted of 12 players: Jarad Carney, Kevin Czachorowski, Scott Dougherty, Cory Firmani, Constantine Fournaris, Danny Frate, Michael Julian,

Zack Lopes, Tim Marcin, Dave Mastro, Vince Russomagno, and Kip Skibicki.

Coach Mascelli said his team gained a lot from this experience, both on the field and off the field. One of the highlights was the tremendous outpouring of fan support, not just from residents of Delaware, but also from people around the nation and the world. They were flooded with letters and emails from states across the nation, including California, and countries as far away as Germany. Coach Mascelli also said his players received an education beyond baseball. They all handled their celebrity status with the public and the media with a maturity well beyond their years. The team's objective at the Little League World Series was to represent the state of Delaware with class and dignity. We are proud to say that the Naamans team accomplished just that.

Today, we congratulate the Naamans Little League and coaches Mascelli, Lopes, and Waters. They accomplished something that no other Delaware team has done, and they made each one of us proud.